THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The States/ UTs reported expenditure of Rs. 9770.65 crores till 31st December, 2006 which is 74% of total fund available with the States/UTs. The balance funds are for activities/works in progress.

The Ministry regularly monitors the progress of expenditure every quarter.

Navodaya Vidyalayas without playfields

1391. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 156 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) are not having playfields out of the total 498 functional/established Vidyalayas;

(b) whether sports help in improving physical and psychological strength of the children and further contribute in development of overall personality of the child; and

(c) if so, the action taken to provide playfield to JNVs not having playfields?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Of the 539 functional Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs), 365 JNVs are having proper playfields.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Construction of playground in 144 JNVs is in progress. Facilities like Volleyball, Kho-Kho and Badminton courts etc. are however, available at 139 of these JNVs, functioning at temporary sites. It is the policy of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti to provide playground to all its schools.

Sanctioned Navodaya Vidyalayas

1392. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) sanctioned till date and how many of them are non-functional;